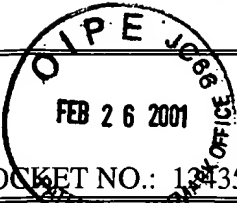


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	<b>DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS</b>
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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR AGRICULTURE BUYERS, SELLERS AND TRANSPORTERS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

X was filed on 12/21/2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/747,329 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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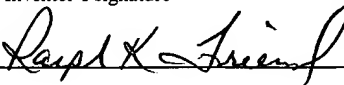
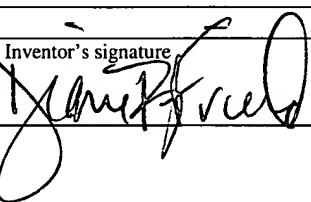

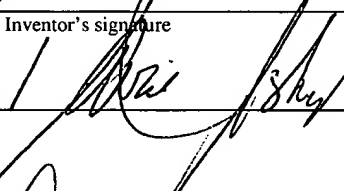
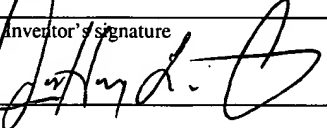
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Filed or Issued : December 21, 2000  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR § 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

X  the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
  an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN : Net HorsePower, Inc.  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN : 4349 Santa Fe Road, Box 48  
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for the purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR AGRICULTURE BUYERS, SELLERS AND TRANSPORTERS by inventor(s) Ralph K. Friend, Diane B. Friend, John M. Greenelsh, David J. Isham, and Jeffrey L. Allen described in

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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person, made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
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